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**Title: HYDROXY-PROTECTING REAGENT AND METHOD OF PROTECTING HYDROXY WITH THE SAME**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Application, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: